IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1-3. (cancelled).
- 4. (currently amended): A composition-according to claim 1, comprising
 - a) At least one compound (I),

$$R_1$$
 N R_2 X R_3 (I) , Q Q Q

wherein

 R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -O-, phenyl, and benzyl;

R₂ and R₃ are hydrogen;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -O-, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A)

$$N_{R_c}^{R_b}$$
 (A),

defined as piperidinocarbonyl, piperazinylcarbonyl or morpholinocarbonyl; and Y+ is a hydrogen ion, ammonium, $(C_1-C_4alkyl)_{1-4}$ ammonium or $(2 \text{ hydroxyethyl})_{1-4}$ ammonium; and

- b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.
- 5. (currently amended): A composition according to claim-1_4, comprising
 - a) At least one compound (I), wherein

 R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkyl interrupted by -O-, phenyl and benzyl;

R₂ and R₃ are hydrogen;

X is carboxy and Y is ammonium, $(C_1-C_4alkyl)_{1-4}$ ammonium or $(2 \text{ hydroxyethyl})_{1-4}$ ammonium; or

X is carboxylate or derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C₁-C₁₈alkyl, carboxy esterified by C₃-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by –O-, and morpholinocarbamoyl; and

Y is hydrogen, ammonium, $(C_1-C_4alkyl)_{1-4}$ ammonium or $(2 \text{ hydroxyethyl})_{1-4}$ ammonium; and b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

- 6. (currently amended): A composition according to claim-1_4, comprising
 - b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity which is used for hydraulic or metal-working fluids, greases, gear oils or engine oils.
- 7. (currently amended): A concentrate comprising at least one compound (I) wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , X and Y are as defined in claim-1.
- 8. (currently amended): A method of improving the use properties of lubricants, which comprises adding to the lubricants at least one composition according to claim-1_4.

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